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PENTAGON, CIA WANT STAFF CHANGES IN PAKISTAN

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[Text] The Pentagon and the CIA are demanding that the State Department make some changes in the personnel of the U.S. Embassy in Pakistan.

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American Ambassador Benjamin Oehlert is officially under fire. CIA Director Richard Helms is reported to have remarked with irritation: What can you expect from an ambassador who is the vice president of Coca Cola?

The whole affair could be ignored if it were not for the motives behind it. Benjamin Oehlert and his associates are actually the scapegoats, and American failure in Pakistan is blamed upon them. The Pentagon and the CIA remembered everything in their report: that Pakistan was not taking part in the SEATO bloc maneuvers, that the Americans have to remove their spy nest in Peshawar, and many other important and lesser defeats suffered by the Americans during Oehlert's tour of duty in Pakistan.

It is true Benjamin Oehlert has been given a chance to make up for his inefficiency. He has to do what the United States was unable to do during many years in Pakistan when it had applied economic and political pressure--namely, to preserve the spy base in Pakistan at any cost, at least for several more years, and to have Pakistan return to the SEATO pact. These recommendations show that the Americans have not gained from past experience. They are so self-confident and stubborn that they cannot realistically evaluate the current situation. The Americans refuse to recognize the strong movement in Pakistan for an independent foreign policy. The aims of this patriotic movement are clearly expressed by the national federation of students which advocates a complete break with all military pacts, including the SEATO and CENTO pacts, which serve the interests of American imperialism and its aggressive policy of world domination.